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Gary Randall
Clerk of the House
Room H-70
State Capitol
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Clerk Randall:

I am pleased to announce the creation of the following two subcommittees of the House Energy and Technology Committee:

- Energy
- Technology and Telecommunications

The Energy subcommittee will be chaired by *Rep. Palsrock* and will include the following members: *Reps. John Proos, Judy Emmons, Rick Baxter, Tonya Schuitmaker, Frank Accavitti, Hoon-Yung Hopgood, and Jeff Mayes*. I have charged the subcommittee to:

- investigate and report back to the full committee **within 60 days** on whether Michigan should implement Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards,
- review and report back to the full committee **within 60 days** on the status and effectiveness of electrical reliability standards in Michigan,
- research and report back to the full committee regarding existing and emerging technologies in nuclear energy generation,
- research and report back to the full committee regarding the status of nuclear waste storage in Michigan and the historic and ongoing contributions of Michigan ratepayers to the Nuclear Waste Fund and,
- examine and report back to the full committee regarding whether Michigan should have independent authority to set reserve margins standards.

The Technology and Telecommunications subcommittee will be chaired by *Rep. Garfield* and will include the following members: Reps. *John Proos, Bill Huizenga, Phil LaJoy, Tim Moore, Frank Accavitti, Tupac Hunter* and *Andy Dillon*. I have charged the subcommittee to:

- review and report back to the full committee regarding proposed changes to the **Federal** Telecommunications Act and the potential for impacts on Michigan telecommunications issues,
- review and report back to the full committee **within 30 days**, the status of adjacent local calling areas in Michigan,
- review and report back to the full committee the status of emerging communications technologies such as VOIP, BPL, WiMax, et al.,
- examine and report back to the full committee **within 60 days**, the sufficiency and effectiveness of current statutory provisions for consumer protection related to telecommunications customers and,
- examine and report back to the full committee the implications of structural separation of telecommunications infrastructure, similar to current energy infrastructure.

Each subcommittee will be responsible for presenting reports to the full standing committee regarding each issue as appropriate. I expect the subcommittees will be conducting various meetings to address these issues and to hear from anyone wishing to present information. I am looking forward to hearing the results of the subcommittee's work and am confident the time and effort spent will prove beneficial to the Michigan House of Representatives and the citizens of this state.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Nofs", written in a cursive, stylized script.

Mike Nofs
Chair, Energy and Technology Committee